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SUBJECT: KOREAN FEED GRAIN IMPORTS

REF: KR-5009 OF MAY 13, 1975

1. FROM THE REFERENCE REPORT WE NOTE THAT KOREA'S USE OF FEED GRAINS IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN 1974/75 AND THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER INCREASE IN 1975/76. NEVERTHELESS, IMPORTS OF US CORN INCREASED ONLY SLIGHTLY IN 1974/75, WHILE THERE IS AN ESTIMATED LARGE INCREASE IN THOSE FROM THAILAND.

2. GIVEN LONG BACKGROUND TO US-KOREAN TRADE RELATIONSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, BOTH COMMERCIAL AND CONCESSIONAL AND CONTINUING GOOD OUTLOOK FOR US CROPS THIS YEAR, WE WOULD VIEW WITH CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AN ROKG DECISION TO RELY EXTENSIVELY ON OTHER MARKETS FOR INCREASED CORN IMPORTS.

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3. YOU SHOULD RAISE THIS MATTER WITH ROKG OFFICIALS. DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TAKE VIEW THAT ROKG SHOULD MAXIMIZE US PURCHASES IN MEETING ITS IMPORT NEEDS FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. YOU MAY WANT TO NOTE GENERAL LANGUAGE IN

PL 480 LAW (SECTION 103(0)) WHICH REQUIRES THE PRESIDENT
"TO TAKE STEPS TO ASSURE THAT THE US OBTAINS A FAIR SHARE
OF ANY INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURAL
COMMODITIES BY THE PURCHASING (PL 480 RECIPIENT) COUNTRY."
4. PLEASE ADVISE ROKG REACTION OR ANY NEW INFORMATION OR
UPDATED PROJECTIONS ON SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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